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SUBJ: REQUESTED RETURN OF DR. DONALD HENSON

1. DHEW ADVISED THAT DR. DONALD HENSON, NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE, SCHEDULED TO HAVE ARRIVED BRAZILIA 7:10 A.M. MARCH 8TH AND STAYING AT HOTEL DAS NACIONS AND ATTENDING MEETINGS WITH DR. PIVA, HEAD OF DEPARTMENT, PROFESSOR OF PATHOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF BRAZILIA, SHOULD BE ADVISED TO RETURN U.S. ASAP.

2. DR. HENSON WAS ON LONDON TO U.S. FLIGHT ABOARD WHICH WAS INDIVIDUAL WITH PROVEN LASSA FEVER. WHILE RISK TO HENSON AND/OR OTHERS IS VERY SLIGHT, IT IS OUR OPINION THAT IF OTHER GOVERNMENTS CONSIDER THAT U.S. GOVERNMENT PERMITTING HIM TO TRAVEL AND, THEREFORE, THEORETICALLY INCUR RISK TO THEM, POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS MIGHT BE RAISED. AS DR. HENSON IS U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE AND, THEREFORE, RESPONSIBILITY OF U.S. GOVERNMENT, WE DO NOT BELIEVE HE SHOULD CONTINUE HIS SCHEDULED ITINERARY.

3. SUGGEST THAT REASON FOR PERCIPITOUS RETURN BE OFFERED, THAT URGENT WORK REQUIREMENT IN OWN OFFICE NECESSITATES DIRECTOR, N.C.I. INSISTING UPON HIS IMMEDIATE RETURN.

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PLEASE ADVISE HENSON NOT TO DISCUSS HIS CONTACT OR REASON

HIS RETURN IN ANY OTHER TERMS. KISSINGER

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